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WITH ENHANCED GROWTH CHARACTERISTICS*
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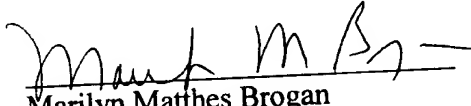
1. I am a registered practitioner representing the Applicants in the above-named patent application;
2. Material directed to transit peptides and described in Wasmann *et al.* (1986) Mol. Gen. Genet. 205: 446-453 was deemed by the Examiner to be essential to the above-named patent application, and therefore improperly incorporated by reference;
3. The material added to the specification by the Amendment attached hereto and mailed on May 23, 2002 consists of the same material in Wasmann *et al.* that was incorporated by reference on page 15, line 3 of the above-named patent application;

4. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the specification are respectfully requested;

5 I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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